Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its commitment to exploring medical breakthroughs in treatment options and providing meaningful hope for residents confronted with major health issues regardless of their financial ability; and,

Whereas, Children's Miracle Network and its affiliate health care providers focus on such areas, including cerebral palsy, complex orthopedic conditions, brain and spinal cord injuries, spina bifida, rheumatology, neuromuscular disorders, and craniofacial conditions; and,

Whereas, South Dakotans strive to make a difference in the lives of children and those less fortunate than themselves by committing personal financial resources in conjunction with independent business owners, employees, and customers; and,

Whereas, All South Dakotans, and especially children across the state, embrace summer and small indulgences such as ice cream treats as a temporary escape from the life threatening illness and debilitating conditions which threaten their ability to live as ordinary youth; and,

Whereas, In 2006 and 2007, the Madison, South Dakota, Dairy Queen Restaurant was top in funds raised over all Dairy Queen restaurants in the United States and Canada, with 100 percent of the proceeds from *Blizzard* sales on that day being donated to children's hospitals in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Funds collected at Dairy Queen restaurants during Children's Miracle Treat Day will help transform the lives of more than 71,000 South Dakotans and their families from every county across the state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2008, as

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE TREAT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State